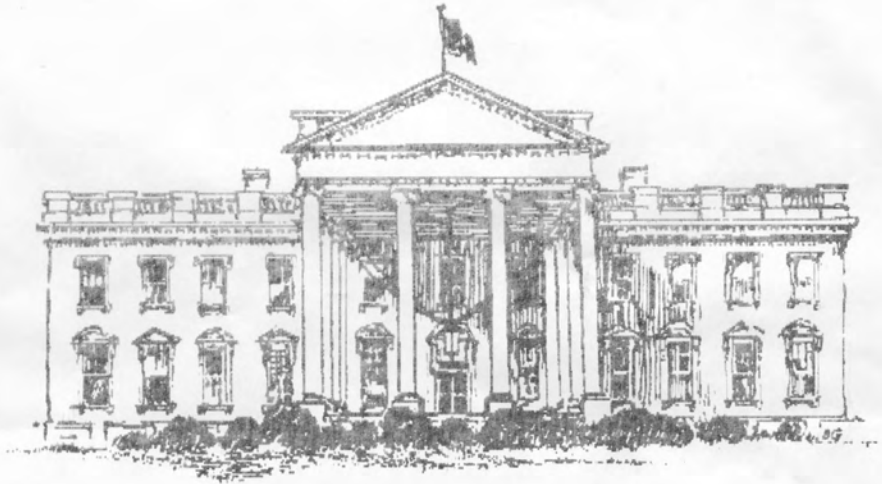


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PRESIDENT CLINTON'S STRONG RECORD OF SUCCESS
MEETING OUR CHALLENGES BY THE NUMBERS

Helping all Americans by building a strong economy -- a solid week's work. Last week saw a flurry of hard economic numbers which gave more evidence that President Clinton's sound economic strategy is paying off for all Americans:

- * **Strong growth.** The economy grew **2.8 percent at an annual rate this quarter.** Economists believe that without the General Motors strike and the blizzard of 1996, this number would have been at least 0.5 percent higher.
- * **High consumer confidence.** **Consumer confidence reached its highest level in six years.**
- * **Higher wages.** The Bureau of Labor Statistics released numbers showing that **wages grew at their fastest pace in five years.**
- * **Growth in manufacturing.** The National Association of Purchasing Managers Index went back above the 50 level, indicating future growth in the manufacturing sector.
- * **Investment-led expansion.** This continues to be an investment-led expansion. Business investment was **up 14.5 percent** at an annual rate this quarter.
- * **An historic level of investment under President Clinton.** Business investment has been up by **11 percent annually** since President Clinton took office, a better record on investment growth than any administration since John Kennedy was President.
- * **Consumption was also up 3.5 percent** in the most recent report, another positive indicator.
- * **Private sector growth.** Since President Clinton took office, the private sector has grown 3.2 percent, more than in either of the previous two administrations.
- * **Low inflation.** All this growth has occurred while inflation has remained low and stable. The most recent indicator is that the GDP deflator for the first quarter of 1996 was 2.5 percent, about the same as the increase for the four quarters of 1995.

Reversing the trend on violent crime. For five straight years before President Clinton took office, violent crime increased in America. Because of the President's tough and smart decisions to put more cops on the street and get kids, guns and drugs off the street, we are now beginning to reverse the trend in violent crime:

- * **Fewer serious crimes.** According to preliminary figures released yesterday by the FBI, serious crimes reported to the nation's law enforcement agencies decreased a full two percent in 1995. **It was the fourth consecutive yearly decrease in reported crime.**
- * **Violent crimes, murders and robberies all down.** Violent crime fell 4 percent last year, and murders dropped by 8 percent. Robberies went down by 7 percent, forcible rape fell by 6 percent, and both burglary and arson decreased by 5 percent. Cities with over 1 million inhabitants saw crime fall by 6 percent.